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*Established as a Parish in the
Diocese of Hamilton in 1956*

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Monday 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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SUNDAY MASSES
(Saturday) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 12:00 noon**
(**12:00 noon September to June)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.
(Bulletin has weekly schedule of Masses)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! New parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish by completing a *parish registration form*, available in the Narthex or the Parish Office. You may wish to consider offering financial support to the parish by using *Sunday Offering Envelopes* or *pre-authorized withdrawals*. For more information contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism - Infants and young children of parishioners are baptized on Sunday afternoons, except during the Season of Lent. Adults requesting baptism, or the other sacraments of initiation should inquire about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Marriage - Weddings for parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturday afternoons. Kindly contact the Pastor a minimum of one year before the desired date of marriage. Preparation is provided in the Parish.

Sacrament of the Sick - Visits to the sick, either at home or in hospital, can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Arrangements can be made for the *Sacrament of the Sick* and for *Holy Communion*. If you are admitted to the Georgetown Hospital please be sure to identify yourself as a "Catholic" at the time of admission.

Priesthood & Religious Life - Visit the Diocesan Vocations website www.HamiltonVocations.com

Catholic Women's League
Marleen Cushing, President
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, March 19 <i>Lent 4</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <i>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</i>	
MONDAY, March 20		No Mass	
TUESDAY, March 21	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Mary Ellen Van Clieaf	
WEDNESDAY March 22	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ben McHarg	
THURSDAY, March 23	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † George Sebalj	
FRIDAY, March 24	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Ernesto D. Henriques, Joaquim, Maria de Jesus & Alda Pereira † Jean Falzon † Francesco Vallecoccia † Ada & Quirino Maurati † Luis Botelho	
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, March 25	10a.m.-4:30p.m.	Lenten Day of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Canad, Mary & Teresa Veneranda; Giuseppe Brancatella; Joe Esteireiro; Marcy Manankil; Dario Medina Jr.; Slavatore DiBartolo.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of Holy Cross Parishioners.

From the Pastor's Desk

The gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Lent presents to us the healing of the man born blind. St. Augustine says that the saliva and dirt that Jesus uses to heal the man are symbolic of his divinity and humanity coming together to form a healing mud salve used to rub into our sin-blinded eyes – when we humbly allow Jesus to heal us of our sinfulness, we allow the light of Christ to shine powerfully into the inner reaches of our souls. The blind man stands for all humanity. *"Born totally in sin"* he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. Not only is he healed physically, but Christ heals his soul. As we continue our Lenten journey, let's continue to heed the words we heard on Ash Wednesday, *'Repent, and believe in the gospel!'*

Sunday Smile

An office had a contest amongst its employees for the best neck ware. It was a neck-and-neck battle, but it turns out that it was a tie.

Quote of the Week

"The ordinary acts we practise every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest." *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Knights of Columbus Founder's Day Mass – Tue, March 28th

The annual Knights of Columbus Founder's Mass (Mass for our deceased members) will be the 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. All family and friends of our deceased brother Knights are invited to join us in prayer this evening.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Times

Looking ahead to Holy Week, here is this year's schedule:

Holy Thursday (Apr 6): 7:00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (Apr 7): 11am & 3:00pm – The Passion of our Lord

Holy Saturday (Apr 8): 8:00pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (Apr 9): 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm

Other Holy Week Times:

Confessions (last chance!): Tue, Apr. 4: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday: 7:00pm

Blessing of Easter Foods: Holy Saturday: 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent

We will be hosting Stations of the Cross each Friday evening in Lent at 7pm. Join us each week as a beautiful way of living out this Lenten penitential journey in our lives!

Lenten Day of Reconciliation – Sat, March 25

Saturday, March 25th will be our Lenten Day of Reconciliation this year. Drop in anytime during the day from 10:00am – 4:30pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Other area priests will be here to assist with confessions throughout the day. Come and receive God's loving gift of mercy this Lent!

Easter Basket Brigade - March 25th, 2023

CUHH is working hard to provide Easter Baskets for those in need in our community. We need your help!

1. Donations: We are asking our Families in all of our congregations to share Easter with another family by providing funds to your Church Representative. Any amount of money is graciously accepted, to sponsor a whole family we ask for \$100 which will go toward purchasing **(2) \$50.00 Grocery Store Gift Store Cards on your behalf.** To sponsor a needy family place cash (in an envelope marked EBB) or cheque (made out to Community Unity Halton Hills) in the offertory box in the narthex after mass OR place envelopes through the Church mailbox located at the Parish office entrance.

2. Volunteers to Assemble and Deliver (Drivers needed): We are pleased to announce that we will be gathering as a large group with other Churches to assemble and deliver the Easter Baskets at **9:30 am on March 25th.** More details to follow. To sign up to be part of this inspiring ecumenical experience please contact Celia Stokoe at cuhhholycross@gmail.com

3. Easter Cards: We would like to get children involved by making Easter drawings to include with the gift card. Last year those drawings were really effective in making Easter special for those we helped. Please drop drawings and homemade cards into the box marked Easter Drawings in the narthex of the Church.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Due to COVID 19 our meetings ceased but we are now starting up again. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st from 2:00 -3:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room. Bring your knitting needles/crochet hooks. Come and join this wonderful Ministry.

Attention All High School Graduates

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus are each sponsoring one bursary of \$1000 for Holy Cross parishioners who are graduating from high school this year and will be attending a post-secondary school in the Fall. All of the details and the application form are on the Holy Cross Parish website. The deadline for application is May 15, 2023.

CWL General Meeting

The CWL March General Council Meeting will be held this Tuesday, March 21st in Cote Hall at 7:30pm. The new executive will be installed at this time. Also there will be a discussion and vote taken on the increased membership fee. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.'

GFORCe3 Families will be Arriving this Year

GFORCe3 is pleased to announce that both Afghan families that they are sponsoring have been accepted to come to Canada this year; one through the United Church of Canada and the other through the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Thank you to all who have supported us and will continue to do so. Thank you for your prayers and blessings.

Online Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary

Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at www.hamiltondiocese.com, or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Life Talks Conference

Are you concerned about the expansion of Medical Aid in Dying in Canada? Want to learn how to better support someone making an end of life or pregnancy decision? Do you know the warning signs of human trafficking? Do you struggle to talk to your kids about tough life issues topics? Come learn at Halton Alive's [Life Talks Conference](http://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks): an in-person event featuring Canadian leaders, experts and advocates for life. Discover the education and inspiration you need to become a more effective ambassador for life by attending Life Talks. Register today! **Date:** March 25, 2023. **Cost:** \$40 Adults/\$20 Students (lunch & refreshments included). **Location:** St George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. **Details and registration:** www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks or call/text Elea 905-632-3232.

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